

Student Dress Code

The Limestone County Board of Education believes good grooming and personal appearance are essential elements in the educational process. Students are expected to dress in a manner that ensures their health and safety. Grooming and dress must not distract from or interfere with the educational process.

Appropriate dress and appearance of the student is the responsibility of the parent/or guardian and the student.

General Guidelines

Jewelry and Body Piercing

- Except for piercing of the ears and wearing of earrings, wearing of other body piercing items on any part of the body is not allowed.
- Students will not wear or have in their possession any jewelry, ornaments, or accessories that distract from the educational process or that might be used as a weapon. Includes but is not limited to: wallet chains, oversized chains and/or clothing chains.

Pants, Shorts, Dresses and Skirts

- Appropriate dress for students must be worn that does not reveal the body in an inappropriate manner, e.g. clothing must not be too tight, bare at the midriff or sides.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses too short in length are not allowed. A general guide to length is that the item should fall below the tips of the fingers when arms are fully extended to the side; however, due to physical differences in some students, this guide may mean some items are still too short.
- Pants or shorts worn below the waistline or those that display what is or appears to be an undergarment are not allowed. No pajamas.
- Pants should not be oversized, too tight, sagging, or revealing. Pants legs must be worn at the same length.
- Undergarments or undergarment areas are not to be exposed at any time.

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Shirts, Blouses, and Tops

- Shirts or tops must cover the stomach, back area and chest area completely at all times.
- A student's attire must cover all undergarments or undergarment areas.
- Strapless, off the shoulder tops, spaghetti straps, tops with strap areas less than three inches wide, sheer or see-through clothing are not allowed.
- Tops with large arm holes or cutout sleeves are not allowed.
- Clothing must not include pictures, writings, symbols, etc., promoting, acknowledging, or suggesting drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, sexual activities, gangs, groups, individuals, or activities that would be considered potentially dangerous, disruptive, or hazardous to the student, to other students, or to the school environment.

Footwear

Shoes or sandals will be worn at all times. No hard cleated shoes, house slippers, or foot apparel determined to be dangerous or a safety hazard may be worn.

Head Coverings and Sunglasses

- Except for religious purposes, hats and head coverings may not be worn in school buildings. Includes but is not limited to: caps or hats, bandanas, headbands/sweatbands, combs or picks in the hair that can be construed as weapons.
- The wearing of nonprescription sunglasses is not allowed.

Additional

- All belts must be fastened. Suspenders must be worn over the shoulder and fastened

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- No compression type apparel may be worn as outer garments.
- Holes in all clothing items must fall below the tips of the fingers when arms are fully extended to the sides.
- Students, who for religious reasons, do not choose to dress in prescribed physical education attire shall be given the opportunity to choose alternate attire in keeping with religious beliefs and the goals and objectives of said class.
- Personal appearance or attire that interferes with or distracts from the instructional program or that creates a health hazard is not allowed.
- The Principal may allow exceptions in dress for a specific activity, e.g., athletic events, drama productions, celebrations, etc., but exceptions are only for those activities.
- Elementary principals are urged to use discretion according to student age and size.

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The Principal or designee will have final authority as to neatness and cleanliness of wearing apparel, and whether or not such apparel is disruptive, distracting, or in violation of health and safety rules.

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